

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 932

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A RESOLUTION to honor Marvin J. (M. J.) Severson III, 1998
valedictorian of Spring Hill High School.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this General Assembly should honor those individuals who through their natural talents and unflagging commitment have achieved excellence in their academic careers; and

WHEREAS, Marvin (M. J.) Severson III, a resident of Columbia, Tennessee, is one such outstanding student who has distinguished himself as the valedictorian of the 1998 graduating class at Spring Hill High School; and

WHEREAS, through long hours of diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and untiring commitment of time and talent, M. J. Severson has achieved extraordinary academic success, and has joined the ranks of the elite students of Tennessee and our nation; and

WHEREAS, in his laudable high school career, he has earned an exceptional 4.0 grade point average; and

WHEREAS, M. J. Severson is a distinguished graduate of Washington Elementary School in Sioux City, where he received the 1991 Award for Academic Excellence and was a member of the school band in Grade 5; and

WHEREAS, he was a popular student at East Middle School in Sioux City, was a valued member of the school choir in grades 6 and 7, the band in grades 6-7 and the jazz band in grade 7; and

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WHEREAS, the highly regarded M. J. Severson has attended Spring Hill High School for grades 8 through 12 and received several important academic honors, including the 1995 Biology Award and the 1994 and the 1995 Spring Hill High School Distinguished Scholar Awards; and

WHEREAS, he has generously lent his time and expertise to several worthwhile extracurricular activities, including the Cub Scouts, his church youth group, and his school Student Council, serving admirably as the 1997-1998 council Vice-President; and

WHEREAS, M. J. Severson is also a noted actor, having performed to rave reviews, in the 1992 production of *Gypsy*, the 1993 East Middle School production of *The Wizard of Oz*, the 1997 Spring Hill High School production of *The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe* and the 1998 Spring Hill High School production of *Rebel Without a Cause*; he was also named the school 1997-1998 Best Actor; and

WHEREAS, a talented student-athlete, he has participated in Little League baseball, grades 1-6; Church League baseball, grades 6 and 7; City League baseball, grades 8 and 9 and the Spring Hill High School Soccer team, grades 11 and 12; and

WHEREAS, Marvin's display of intellectual prowess and inner drive surely bodes well for future success, as he plans to attend the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga; and

WHEREAS, his noteworthy achievement is a great source of pride for his parents, Jerry and Hope Severson, his school, and his community; and

WHEREAS, Marvin's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby commend and honor 1998 High School valedictorian, Marvin J. (M.J.) Severson III, on his impressive academic achievement, and extend to him our best wishes for a happy and successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.